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TO : Chief, Industrial Division

DATE: 1 October 1957

FROM : Chief, Consumer Industries Branch

SUBJECT: Monthly Report for September 1957

1. Accomplishments

a. Projects Completed

(1) A memorandum for the Senior Research Staff on International Communism (SRS/DDI) summarizing I/CI's immediately available information on living standards in the European Satellites was prepared by [REDACTED]
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(2) Comments on the ORR Contribution to NIE-4-57, published as CIA/RR IP-555, Soviet Capabilities and Probable Course of Action through 1962 were prepared by [REDACTED]
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(3) Comments on the presentation of data on housing in ECE (Economic Commission for Europe) statistical publications were prepared by [REDACTED]
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b. Status of Other Projects

25X1A9a (1) [REDACTED] continued work on "Expenditure on Consumer Services in the USSR" (30.1771).

25X1A9a (2) [REDACTED] resumed work on "Synthetic Fibers and Fabrics in the USSR" (30.1911), after having spent a month writing the subsections on synthetic fibers and woolen textiles for Section 64 of NIS 14 on Poland (30.1518).

25X1A9a (3) [REDACTED] worked on the cotton textiles, knitwear, and clothing subsections for Section 64 of NIS 14 on Poland (30.1518).

25X1A9a (4) [REDACTED] started work on the domestic trade subsection for Section 65 of NIS 14 on Poland (40.1817).

25X1A9a (5) [REDACTED] continued work on "The Housing Problem in the European Satellites" (38.1741). The due date on this project was changed from 31 August to 30 November 1957.

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25X1A9a (6) [REDACTED] has nearly completed the domestic trade subsection for Section 65 of NIS 20 on Albania (40.1824).

25X1A9a (7) [REDACTED] continued work on the Communist China NIE (10.1510).

25X1A9a (8) [REDACTED] continued work on "Industrial Capital Investment in Communist China" (30.1535). He has not been able to reconcile Chinese Communist cotton crop reports with official admissions of shortages of raw cotton, and now [REDACTED] Chief, A/F, is interested in getting a solution to this important problem. However, 25X1A9a [REDACTED] growing involvement as coordinator of contributions to Section 64 of NIS 20 on Albania (30.1823) precludes his putting much additional research time into the cotton problem.

2. Training

25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] began to conduct the ORR course "Economic Statistics (Introduction)" for the second time.

25X1A9a b. [REDACTED] started the OTR course "Basic Country Survey: China No. 2".

25X1A9a c. [REDACTED] started the OTR "Intelligence Orientation Course" on the last day of the month.

3. Trips and Speeches

25X1A9a a. [REDACTED] took part in an ORR panel discussion at the Strategic Intelligence School on 5 September; he spoke on "Current Problems in the Industrial Development of the USSR."

4. Administration

25X1A9a a. [REDACTED], the replacement for [REDACTED] entered on duty with the Agency on 3 September as a GS-5 analyst and upon return from IOC training will be assigned to the European Satellites section.

25X1A9a b. [REDACTED] was on LWOP during the month because of a family emergency.

c. In connection with a survey of ERA branch files made during September, I/CI reported that substantive coverage was weakest for Albania, Bulgaria, and North Vietnam and strongest for the USSR.

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5. Plans

Nothing new to report.

6. Problems

Nothing to report.

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